

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY FEATHERS BIRD TRIPS

Many More Different Kinds of
Feathered Creatures Seen
This Season.

The Audubon Society of the District of Columbia has just closed its series of "bird trips," most of the records of the society having been broken for the season. There was a higher average attendance and a higher average of different kinds of birds seen this year than ever before. One hundred and twenty-seven different species of birds were seen.

The series of walks was increased this year to six instead of five, as in past years. The first walk was taken Saturday, April 18, along the Eastern branch. It was scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, but by 7:15 enough people had assembled to form the first party, and out of the fifty-four persons who participated in this day's outing a bare half dozen came so late that they did not start until the scheduled 8 o'clock hour. These early habits were kept up, and on two of the trips the first parties started before 7 o'clock.

On the April 18 trip the fifty-four persons saw fifty-seven kinds of birds—the largest number ever seen by the society so early in the season. Among these birds was the rare barn owl, seen then for the first time on an Audubon outing. The redstart and the Maryland yellowthroat were seen for the first time in 1914, each several days earlier than usual, while the kingbird was eleven days ahead of its average. Although the vegetation was later than usual, most of the birds came early, and this anomalous state continued through most of the migration period.

Many Species Found.

The last Saturday in the month, April 25, found the society, as usual, at Dyke—one of the best bird places of the whole region. An unpleasant drizzle lasted much of the day and drove a large share of the party home at 10 o'clock, but the weather conditions the forty-six persons present saw sixty-six kinds of birds—a higher number than ever before seen at Dyke, even under the best atmospheric conditions. The special finds of the day were the blue-winged greenlet, the next to the rarest woodpecker of the region, the American bittern, which pumped audaciously for the education of the bird lovers, though its note is rarely heard around the District, and the yellow-throated warbler, which always the great desideratum of a trip to Dyke. The trip of the next week, May 2, was entirely new to society, as it started at 10 o'clock, and the route followed down the four miles to its junction with the Potomac at Cabin John bridge. All the fifty-two persons present were enthusiastic over the beauty of the region traversed and agreed it was worth the walk to the Potomac. The valley proved to be as "birdy" as it was beautiful, for eight different kinds were seen, breaking by a large margin any previous record for the first week in May. Among the rarities were the Nashville warbler, Cape May warbler—usually rare, but this year almost common—rose-breasted grosbeak, least flycatcher, solitary vireo and golden-winged warbler.

Forced to Change Plans.

Owing to the refusal of the Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall Steamboat Company to land the party at Port Washington, the scheduled trip to this interesting point had to be abandoned, and the outing for May 9 was taken to Scott's Run and Eagle Rock. The first part—to Scott's Run—was well known; the afternoon walk to Eagle Rock was new and the members insisted that since the walk was to the summit of the rock overlook, the Potomac a magnificent bold eagle sailed slowly up the steep, forested slopes, and the sight of the forty-five people on this day's outing broke all the previous records of the society by seeing eighty-nine kinds of birds.

The trip of May 9 was one that had been planned in 1912, but postponed on account of rain. The route was new, starting at Cherrydale and following down Windy run to the Potomac. This can be recommended to all lovers of nature as one of the prettiest of the walks within easy reach of Washington. The party stopped for lunch at a fine spring about a quarter of a mile down stream from the mouth of Windy run, after feasting eyes on the wide stretch of the Potomac, visible from the summit of the bluff. Those in the party were Miss Jane B. Bassett, Miss Isabel Briggs, Mrs. F. B. Colonna, Miss Flora Colonna, Miss Louise P. Ford, S. M. Gronberger, E. R. Kalmbach, George L. Keenan, Miss Nellie E. L. McLean, Mrs. A. Schott, Robert Morris, Mrs. J. M. McLean, William Palmer, Miss Lilian Pace, Mrs. Adele I. Platt, Edmund Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stevenson, Miss Edith C. Thompson, Titus Uke and Miss Josephine Wimsatt.

Kinds of Birds Seen.

The species of birds seen on each of the trips were the bluebird, robin, chickadee, titmouse, Carolina wren, brown thrasher, mockingbird, black and white warbler, Louisiana water thrush, Maryland yellow throat, redstart, rough-winged swallow, yellow-throated warbler, chipping sparrow, white-throated sparrow, goldfinch, purple grackle, meadow-lark, common crow, bluejay, phoebe, kingbird, flicker, downy woodpecker, turkey vulture and mourning dove—thirty species. In addition there were seen on the first trip the hermit thrush, brown creeper, yellow palm warbler, junco, rusty grackle, woodcock, great blue heron, American bittern, barn owl and fox sparrow—ten species not seen on any subsequent trip. On the blue-winged greenlet, ruby-crowned kinglet, white-bellied nuthatch, bank swallow, purple martin, swamp sparrow, purple Finch, red-winged sparrow hawk, cowbird, fish crow, ingabner, sparrow hawk, black-throated hawk, bobwhite, killdeer, spotted sandpiper, night heron, vesper sparrow, screech owl, solitary sandpiper, Cooper hawk and Nashville warbler—thirty-two species.

The next trip increased the number by the Wilson thrush, bay-breasted warbler, northern water thrush, Kentucky warbler, Canadian warbler, tree swallow, Acadian flycatcher, wood pewee, whip-poorwill, black-billed cuckoo, bald eagle—eleven species. The following week were added the gray-checked thrush, marsh wren, Wilson warbler, warbling vireo, summer tanager, yellow-billed cuckoo, alder flycatcher and the white-crowned sparrow—eight species. Thus during the entire season the ninety-seven persons saw 121 different species of birds, a much greater number than during any previous year.

SOUNDS WARNING AGAINST REPEAL

Senator Jones Argues for
Coastwise Trade Exemption
in Canal Act.

CONCESSION TO BRITAIN
ONLY THE BEGINNING

Washington Senator Declares Demand Is Backed by the Canadian
Railroad Companies.

A solemn warning that, should the United States at the behest of Great Britain repeal the "free tolls" clause of the Panama canal act, a further demand would be made by that country that the clause prohibiting the use of the canal by railroad-owned ships should also be repealed was given in a speech in the Senate today by Senator Jones of Washington.

Senator Jones insisted that the Canadian transcontinental railroads were back of the demand of Great Britain that the free tolls clause should be repealed, and that they would be back of the other demands of that country. "President Wilson asks us to do the large things," said Senator Jones, "by granting the demands of England, whether 'right or wrong.' That course would dishonor the nation, humiliate our people, barter our sovereignty and bring upon us the just contempt of the world. I know the President meant well, but neither men nor nation can act on that theory and maintain their own self-respect or the respect of others. A firm and just insistence by the nation upon its rights will cultivate good will, command esteem and promote peace."

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Not the End of England's Claims.

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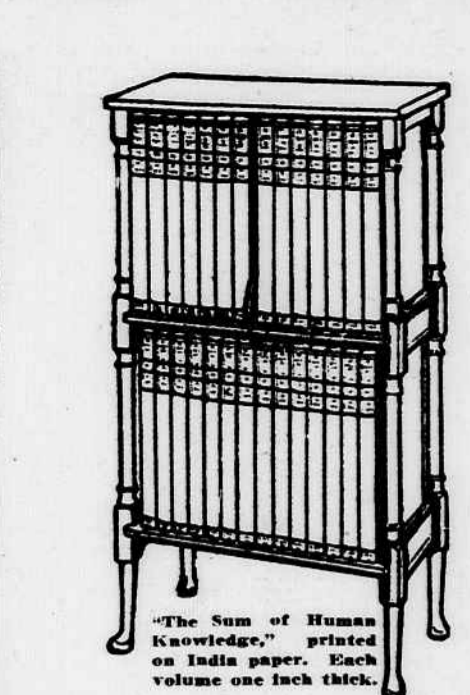
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